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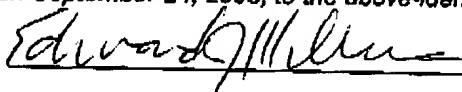
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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. JA-138

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Rezai et al. Confirmation No.: 7592

Serial No.: 09/171,049 Group Art Unit: 1771

Date Filed: Oct. 12, 1998 Examiner: C. Pratt

Title: Absorbent Materials Having Improved Structural Stability in Dry and Wet States and Making Methods Therefor

1. ☒ No additional fee is known to be required.
2. ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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TOTAL	41	MINUS	** 41	=	x \$18 =	\$
INDEP.	1	MINUS	*** 7	=	x \$84 =	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$280 =	\$
					TOTAL	\$

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3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated May 29, 2003 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time.
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